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Hi LaTonya: This may be a duplicate, but I wanted to send it along as an FYI.

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Hi Amy,

I wanted to send you an electronic copy of a letter we sent to EPA last week. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask.

Thanks,

Ken

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The Honorable Lisa Jackson
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Dear Administrator Jackson,

I am writing today to discuss the radiologically contaminated West Lake Landfill Site, Operable Unit 1, located in Bridgeton, Missouri (CERCLIS ID Number: MOD079900932). As you know, this landfill became radiologically contaminated in 1973 when soils mixed with uranium ore processing residues were used as daily cover in a landfiling operation. While this landfill is not in my district, it does sit on the eastern edge of the Missouri River floodplain and could potentially affect my district and the drinking water of St. Louis area residents.

While I understand a Record of Decision for Operable Unit 1 was signed in May 2008, I would like to ask for answers to the following questions.

1. The selected remedy calls for the installation of an engineered landfill cover and implementation of a long-term monitoring program. In light of the location being in the Missouri River floodplain, what effect would a levee failure have on this location?
2. The Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) has cleaned up a number of radiologically contaminated locations in the area. What reasons does EPA have for not transferring control of this site from EPA to the Corps in order to remediate the contaminated waste?
3. Does EPA consider this location be permanent or temporary storage for this radioactive waste?
4. Even if there is a cap to stop water from entering the fill, what is there to stop radioactive particulate from seeping into the groundwater, given that there is no protective layering below the fill?

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me directly or Ken Reidy at (202)-225-2671 or ken.reidy@mail.house.gov.

Sincerely,

Russ Carnahan
Member of Congress